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**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A method of making a telephone call using an electronic document stored in a computer having a user interface, the method comprising:
    - retrieving the electronic document, the electronic document including data representing at least one telephone number;
    - selecting a first telephone number from the electronic document by way of the user interface to obtain a selected telephone number;
    - signaling, from the computer via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between a first telephone associated with the first telephone number and a second telephone associated with a calling party telephone number in response to the selection of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored in the computer ~~proximate the user interface~~, the call being connected via the first line;
    - returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call;
- and

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subsequent to attempting the call, using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the selected telephone number.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting a first telephone number further comprises:

selecting the telephone number from the electronic document using a mouse.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic document comprises at least one of an e-mail, a word processing file and a web page.

4. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1, further comprising: returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period.~~ system of claim 37 wherein the status message further includes remedies for the failure.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[4,]]~~ 1 wherein the call is connected across a circuit-switched network and wherein said status message further comprises ~~the calling party telephone number, possible reasons for failure of the call, and~~ remedies for the failure.

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6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the call is connected across a packet-switched network.
7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second telephone is coupled to the first line via a bandwidth splitter.
8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer is coupled to the first line via a modem.
9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the modem is a digital subscriber line (DSL) modem.
10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the computer is further coupled to the first line via a bandwidth splitter.
11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the call is further connected via a second line coupled to the first telephone.
12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the first telephone is coupled to the second line via a bandwidth splitter.

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13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second telephone is a component of the computer.

14. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

a telephony device coupled to a telephone line;

a computer coupled to the telephone line, the computer having a user interface and comprising:

an input device,

at least one processor configured to:

receive an electronic document that includes data representing a telephone number,

receive input via the input device selecting the telephone number from the electronic document by way of the user interface, and

signal, via a packet-switched network coupled to the telephone line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between a telephone associated with the telephone number and the telephony device in response to the selection of the telephone number, the call being connected via the telephone line,

means for storing a calling party telephone number associated with the telephony device in the computer ~~proximate the user interface~~ to obtain a stored calling party telephone number,

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means for returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the telephony device within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call;

and

means for using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the telephony device to any telephone number including the telephone number, subsequent to attempting the call.

15. (original) The system of claim 14, wherein the telephony device is coupled to the telephone line via a bandwidth splitter.

16. (original) The system of claim 14, wherein the computer is coupled to the telephone line via a modem.

17. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the modem is a digital subscriber line (DSL) modem.

18. (original) The system of claim 16, wherein the computer is further coupled to the telephone line via a bandwidth splitter.

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19. (original) The system of claim 14, wherein the call is further connected via a second line coupled to the telephone.

20. (original) The system of claim 19, wherein the telephone is coupled to the second line via a bandwidth splitter.

21. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling at least one computer processor having a user interface to perform a method of making a telephone call using an electronic document, the method comprising:

receiving an electronic document that includes data representing at least one telephone number;

receiving input via an input device selecting through the user interface a first telephone number from the electronic document thereby providing a selected telephone number;

signaling, via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between a first telephone associated with the first telephone number and a second telephone associated with a calling party telephone number in response to the selection of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored in the computer proximate the user interface, the call being connected via the first line;

returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call;

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and

subsequent to attempting the call, using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the selected telephone number.

22. (currently amended) A method of making a telephone call using an electronic document stored in a computer having a user interface, comprising:

retrieving the electronic document, the electronic document including data representing at least one telephone number;

selecting a first telephone number from the electronic document by way of the user interface;

signaling, from the computer via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between the first telephone number and a calling party telephone number in response to the selection of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored in the computer proximate the user interface;

establishing, via the first line, a circuit-switched connection between a first telephone associated with the first telephone number and a second telephone associated with the calling party telephone number wherein the second telephone is a component of the computer;

subsequent to attempting the call, returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said

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status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call;

and

subsequent to attempting the call, using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the first telephone number.

23. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the selecting a first telephone number further comprises:

selecting the telephone number from the electronic document using a mouse.

24. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the electronic document comprises at least one of an e-mail, a word processing file and a web page.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[28 ,]] 22~~ further comprising:

~~subsequent to attempting the call, returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period, said status message further comprising the calling party telephone number, possible reasons for failure of the call, and remedies for the failure .~~



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26. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein the circuit-switched connection between the first telephone the second telephone is further connected via a second line coupled to the first telephone.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein the first telephone is coupled to the second line via a bandwidth splitter.

28. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 36 wherein the status message further comprises remedies for the failure method of claim 22, wherein the second telephone is a component of the computer.

29. (currently amended) A system comprising:  
a telephony device of a calling party coupled to a first telephone line; and  
a computer having a user interface coupled to the first telephone line, the destination number of the telephony device being stored in the computer ~~proximate the user interface~~, the computer comprising:  
an input device,  
at least one processor configured to:  
receive an electronic document that includes data representing a telephone number,

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receive input via the input device selecting the telephone number from the electronic document by way of the user interface, and

initiate the establishment of a circuit-switched connection between a telephone associated with the telephone number and the telephony device via the first telephone line,

return a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the destination number of the telephony device and possible reasons for failure of the call;

and

means for using the stored destination number to connect all calls from the telephony device to any telephone number including the selected telephone number, subsequent to attempting the connection.

30. (original) The system of claim 29, wherein the telephony device is coupled to the first telephone line via a bandwidth splitter.

31. (original) The system of claim 29, wherein the computer is coupled to the first telephone line via a modem.

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32. (original) The system of claim 31, wherein the modem is a digital subscriber line (DSL) modem.

33. (original) The system of claim 31, wherein the computer is further coupled to the first telephone line via a bandwidth splitter.

34. (original) The system of claim 29, wherein the call is further connected via a second telephone line coupled to the telephone.

35. (original) The system of claim 34, wherein the telephone is coupled to the second telephone line via a bandwidth splitter.

36. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling at least one computer processor having a user interface to perform a method of making a telephone call using an electronic document, the method comprising:

receiving an electronic document that includes data representing at least one telephone number;

receiving input via an input device selecting a first telephone number from the electronic document by way of the user interface;

signaling, via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between the first telephone number and a calling party telephone

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number in response to the selection of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored ~~proximate the user interface~~ in the computer;

establishing, via the first line, a circuit-switched connection between a first telephone associated with the first telephone number and a second telephone associated with the calling party telephone number;

returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call;

and

subsequent to attempting the call, using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the first telephone number.

37. (currently amended) A system for making a telephone call using an electronic document stored in a computer having a user interface, the system comprising:

means for receiving the electronic document, the electronic document including data representing at least one telephone number;

means, utilizing the user interface, for selecting a first telephone number from the electronic document to obtain a selected telephone number;

means for signaling, via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between a first telephone associated with the first

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telephone number and a second telephone associated with a calling party telephone number in response to the selection of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored ~~proximate the user interface~~ in the computer, the call being connected via the first line;

means for returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call;

and

means for using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the selected telephone number, subsequent to attempting the call.

38. (currently amended) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling at least one computer processor having a user interface to perform a method of making a telephone call using an electronic document, the method comprising:

receiving an electronic document that includes data representing at least one telephone number;

receiving input via an input device selecting through the user interface a first telephone number from the electronic document thereby providing a selected telephone number;

signaling, via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between a first telephone associated with the first telephone number and a second telephone associated with a calling party telephone number in response to the selection

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of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored in the computer, the call being connected via the first line;

wherein the calling party telephone number is stored in the computer and the status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call,

and

subsequent to attempting the call, using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the selected telephone number and returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period.

39. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 38 wherein the calling party telephone number is stored in the computer proximate the user interface and the status message comprises the calling party telephone number, possible reasons for failure of the call, and status message further includes remedies for the failure.

40. (currently amended) A method of making a telephone call using an electronic document stored in a computer having a user interface, comprising:

retrieving the electronic document, the electronic document including data representing at least one telephone number;

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selecting a first telephone number from the electronic document by way of the user interface;

signaling, from the computer via a packet-switched network coupled to a first line, a telecommunication system to connect a call between the first telephone number and a calling party telephone number in response to the selection of the first telephone number, the calling party telephone number being stored in the computer;

establishing, via the first line, a circuit-switched connection between a first telephone associated with the first telephone number and a second telephone associated with the calling party telephone number;

and

subsequent to attempting the call, using the stored calling party telephone number to connect all calls from the calling party to any telephone number including the first telephone number and returning a status message to the computer if the calling party does not answer the second telephone within a specified time period wherein said status message comprises the calling party telephone number and possible reasons for failure of the call.

41. (currently amended) The method of claim 40 wherein the ~~ealling party telephone number~~ is stored in the computer proximate the user interface and ~~said status message comprises the ealling party telephone number, possible reasons for failure of the call, and~~ status message includes remedies for the failure.